

DOCKET,NO.: HITACHI-0008

PATENT

Serial No.: 09/602,964

Page -9-

Amdt. dated September 8, 2004

Amendment

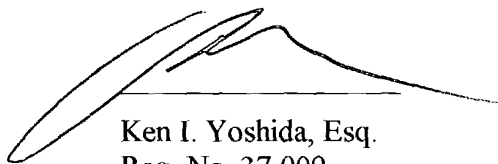
REMARKS

Claims 1 through 5, 7 and 9 through 30 have been allowed. However claims 1, 7 and 9 have been amended while claims 30 and 31 have been canceled as suggested by the Examiner during our telephonic interview of May 27, 2004

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a favorable Office Action so indicating.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken I. Yoshida, Esq.
Reg. No. 37,009

Date: September 8, 2004

KNOBLE YOSHIDA & DUNLEAVY LLC
Eight Penn Center, Suite 1350
1628 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 599-0600